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****UPDATED STATS****

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY TRAFFIC

11/29/2004 Monday

As Connecticut residents celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends the Connecticut State Police have implemented plans for enhanced enforcement and visibility on all of our highways and roads in Connecticut. Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) is an intricate part of the highway safety plan.

Thanksgiving is one of the heaviest traveled holidays of all. Traditionally, Thanksgiving also is the start of the Christmas season. The Connecticut State Police anticipate that the heaviest traffic periods will be Wednesday afternoon and Sunday afternoon and evening.

Troopers have been on patrol in both marked and unmarked patrol cars. They have utilized our non-traditional patrol cars, aircraft, radar, and laser units to monitor and enforce speeds. Sobriety checkpoints and roving DUI patrols have been in place to add to the public safety and remove drunk drivers from our highways and roads in Connecticut. Hazardous moving violations do cause crashes. Troopers have been diligent in watching for and enforcing hazardous moving violations, such as unsafe lane changes, following too close, and speeding. Remember, drunk driving mixed with high traffic volume is a recipe for disaster.

ARRESTS TOTALS TO DATE

FROM MIDNIGHT 11/24/04 TO MIDNIGHT ON 11/29/04

- Total SPEEDING ARRESTS- 1164
- Total SEAT BELT ARRESTS- 552
- Total DWI ARRESTS- 55
- Total ACCIDENTS- 483
With injury- 63 (4 serious, 59 minor)
Fatalities- 2
- Total TICKETS issued- 2447

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